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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1980

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. AO/315 of December 15, 1980 relating to the U.S. ship "Liberty," which reads as follows:

> The Ambassador of Israel presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's note of 22 February 1978 and to consequent exchange of notes concerning physical damage to the U.S. ship "Liberty" on 8 June 1967.
>
> Without prejudice to the legal position of the Government of Israel and to the question of liability for the tragic event the Government of Israel has the honour to propose as full and final settlement of the U.S. claim that Israel pay the United States Government the sum of $6,000,000 (six million dollars) to be paid in three annual payments of $2,000,000 each, commencing 15 January 1981.
>
> The Ambassador of Israel avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary of State the assurances of his highest consideration.

I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States agrees with your proposed settlement and that your note and my reply

His Excellency
Ephraim Evron,
Ambassador of Israel.

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thereto constitute the agreement of our two Governments concerning this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

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